

# IRELAND.

Wherein is related these Particulars  
following.

1. A Proclamation from the Rebels.
2. The Marching of 30000 Rebels into the Province of Munster, under the command of six great Lords.
3. The Siege of King'sale, and Bandon Bridge.
4. Diverse skirmishes with the Rebels near Dublin.
5. Two severall overthrowes of the Rebels, given by the Scots and the English, the one at *London Derry*, the other at *Newry*.

Sent in 2 Letters, one to *Mr. Roger Cole* in *Iremonger-lane*, from his Brother, *M. Cole*, Marchant in *Dublin*, And the other from a Scotch Gentlewoman to her Husband, now resident in *Shoe Lane*.

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# NEVVES FROM IRELAND.

From Dublin the 23. February. 1641.

Most Honorable Mother,

**A**fter my humble duty remembered, &c. I wrot  
to you the last weeke by a friend bound for  
London, inclosed to my Brother *Roger Cole*, and  
inclosed a Proclamation set forth by the Lords Ju-  
stices and Councell here, shewing the names of divers  
of the Capitall Rebels, and what reward shall be gi-  
ven unto him that shall bring in the heads of them or  
kill them, although they shall not be able to bring  
in their heads; yet a different reward to be given the  
doers of it, and lines which remaine, *Sir Phelim O'Neale*  
and the Lords of the English Pale, viz. the ancient  
English Inhabiting divers Countiees about *Dublin*,  
bestowed on them by the Kings of *England*, of whom  
I wrot the names in my former letters, have made a  
Proclamation on their parts, that whosoever shall  
bring unto them the head of the Earle of *Cromwell* our  
Generall, of *Sir Charles Coote*, *Sir Simon Burchard*, and  
other Collonels and Captaines of ours, shall have a  
very great reward, and the fine of each is expressed in  
the Proclamation, as yet they dare doe any thing, for  
if we count the arme of the flesh to be strength, they  
are neere 20 to one against us. There is of them gon  
into the Province of *Ulster* above 30000 men, and  
some report they are compleat in Armes, and the  
Commanders are the Lord *Montgarret*, *L. Dunboyne*,

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L. of Icharin, L. Kihave, L. Britan, and Lord of Cap-  
 per Ostry, and some affirme that my Lord of *Maz-  
 grove* is Generall, they have driven the Lord Presi-  
 dent into *Corke*, and 14 or 1500 men with him, and  
 have laid siege to *Bandon-bridge*, & *Kingale*, of which  
 we have certaine newes, but what mischief they have  
 done to our English in all the Countrey thereabout,  
 we know not, but doe grieve to thinke upon. All the  
 Province of *Connaght* is likewise in rebellion, and *Gal-  
 laway* taken by them, or else we understand that the  
 Fort there is on our side, but how long they can sub-  
 sist without provision we know not, that is the most  
 dangerous place in the Kingdom, because it is a good  
 Harbour and lyes open to *Spain*, and you know that  
*Spain* hath ever bin a harbour of Rebels against *England*,  
 their Religion teacheth men so to be. I wrote you for-  
 merly that if wee have not shipping in all the Ports  
 of this Kingdome, to prevent the coming in of  
 Armes to the Rebels, that all the ayd *England* can send  
 will doe us little good, for you may please to consi-  
 der the difference betweene their Souldiers and ours,  
 setting their Commanders a part our men are for the  
 most part poore men and weaker in many respects,  
 for he that is of any great meanes and great breeding  
 in *England*, will not come over to be common Soul-  
 dier here, and those that are here they are (many of  
 them) poore pilleged people, the better sort are gon  
 for the most part into *England*: they are the most wise  
 able and active men of this Kingdome, and in battle  
 they have a very great advantage against us, for they  
 commonly place themselves neate into some great  
 Bog, and if they be put to the worse in 500 yards  
 running, they will get into the Bogs, where no horse



can come neare them, neither are our foot skilfull to follow them: if it were possible there to compass them in, it were to the purpose, but to meet with them on the other side of the Bog, it may be will cost our men (as in many places), 20 or 30 miles march, and by that time they will be far from our Army. The Rebellion is so generall, and their men so many, that if our Army here, which with my Lord Lieut. Regiment now landed, and the 4 or 500 horse now come (as is reported) will make hardly 8000 men, 1000 whereof are Inhabitants, and most of them householders, Marchants and Tradesmen of this City, and their servants, who may not leave this City without great danger. I have two servants in the Kings pay, and I stand with my owne Armes upon any service that shall be required, and will God willing, adventure my hearts blood for the cause in hand; I say if our Army here should adventure farre into the Countrey against them one way, they will escape our Army many wayes, and come upon *Dublin*; which would indanger the losse of the whole Kingdome, for all depends upon this place: For although wee have no intelligence out of the North, whereby to write you of it, yet you may please to conceive, that where the Rebellion began, they will make sure something for themselves: I thinke there are none but Scots Inhabitants, very few English left to oppose them, wee have no certaine intelligence thence of the landing of any out of *Scotland*, but what we heare out of *England*; I wrot you of the going away of shipping from hence with provision for to relieve our Souldiers in *Tredath* (or *Droghedath*) and was in hope that they had got in safe, but



On Saturday we understood that they were not then gotten in that the Rebels had sunck many boats and chained them together, and that Captaine Barlet of the Kings Pinasse, intended to try the breaking of the chaine, or if the spring-tyde would bring water enough to carry them over the chaine, and that Captaine Barlet had taken one vessell loaden with Herrings, and sunck another being come from *Wexford*, thither with provision for the Rebels, I trust to heare good newes from thence.

We heare that there are two Priests at *Nantes* in France, buying of Powder and Armes for the Rebels, I am much afraid that this Southwind hath brought them in unto *Wexford*, for that Towne is in their owne custody. I cannot heare whether *Naughall* and *Dunbarren* be taken by them or not, but they have a very great Army gon that way; we are here in a very bad case for want of mony, and we have had good hope to have had store out of *England* this wind, but there is not mony to pay the Souldiers that are now come over. We have great joy for the blessed agreement betweene the King and the Parliament. God who is the Author of peace and Unity, keepe the diuell and his instruments, the sower of sedition, and his children, from disturbing the same, that the King may be happy, God glorified, his Religion established, that truth and honesty may be in fashion, and superstition and lyes may be put away from our Land, and the father of lyes and Antichrist utterly banisht. We have reported here, that my Lord *Musgrave* hath great forces apart, besides the Army that is with my Lord *Mountgarret*, but I thinke it is all one Army, and I marvell from whence they have

their Armes, except *France* should furnish them, brought into *Wexford*.

I have written you what conflicts wee have had about us with the Rebels; I thinke that in severall battles; viz. at *Glasneweey* (so much reported of in the English Currants) was not above 6 men poore Rogues found in houses without fight, at the *Orange* 6 miles from this, I thinke were some 70 men slaine, and many Armes taken, at *Shanaw* 4 Colours were taken; and about 100 slaine of them; and there we lost *Sir Lucius Cary*, brother to the Lord Viscount *Portland* in *England*; he was Lieutenant Colonel to *Sir Charles Coote* Regiment; at *Bacoolle* there was about 50 men slaine of them; at *Fingles*, about some 30 of them slaine; and wee lost but one ordinary Souldier, and what men have beene slaine at *Trillick*, or *Droghda*, we heare that this last voyage, we were like to take a great boat load of provision, that went downe towards the Towne, by being grounded, but that they had a piece of Ordnance aboard, which secured them till the Tyde came againe, and slew many of the Rebels both horse and foot, of which I shall write more the next opportunity; In the meane time I humbly commend you to God; and rest,

Your dutifull Sonne,

Robert Cole.

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The true Copy of another Letter  
that was sent from *Ipswich*, the twenty se-  
venth of February, 1648.

Most loving Husband,

MY love commended to you, I doe much wonder  
that since you went to *London*, I never received  
any Letter from you but one, which I wonder of you,  
being so long in *London*.

Your brother Henry the writer hereof is come over  
with good Newes blessed be our God, for there hath  
beene two great battels fought betweene the Rebels  
and our Scotchmen, the one at *London-berry*, the other  
at the *Newry*, where the Lord hath given great victory;  
above 15, or 16, hundred of the Enemies in  
both the battels, Captaine *Ellis* with his company of  
300. hath bin slaine them from the hande, and  
Captaine *Cunningham* met him at *Walsby*, in *March*  
from the Towne of *Connaught*, and with him and  
Captaine *Ray*, 500. so that they are we hope from  
these three Counties, for we have intelligence by  
your brother, that there is brave Commanders be-  
yond, as Colonell *Lewis*, Major *Leslie*, that went  
from this Towne, Lieutenant Colonell *Malcolm*,  
and Captaine *Henderson*, who hath beene very val-  
orous, there hath beene no losse on our side this great  
while, onely one Robert *Jake*, and John *Cassell*, two  
of Captaine *Ellis* Souldiers slaine at the Towne, and  
your cousin John *Vernes* is hurt, and one that kept  
Sir John's Land in the Grange, the Lord of *Antrim*  
Country



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Country is silent now, but a while agoe they made  
great stir as you writ, that *Glennam* and *Enver* was  
battur, but it is not so, they are safe, *Murdo* did not  
stay in *Caister* above 48 houres after he landed,  
but marched towards *Belfast*, and from thence to  
*Drummore*, and as we heare by your brother of a cer-  
taine, gave battell to one *Patticke*, *Mac Cartane*,  
and one *Mac Geere*, where he did kill many of them,  
being accompanied with my Lord of *Ardar*, and his  
forces, with the losse of 14. men, and your brother  
sayes they are bearen from the *Newrie*, and the North  
part som what quier then it was, blessed be our good  
God; we heare that *England* is like to be in a wofull  
case, and yet you never touch it in your Letter, I pray  
you doe not so any more, we suspect the Generall  
himselfe will goe over shortly if he had commission:  
men are lewying very fast heere.

Thus to obey your desire, to write you newes, as  
you doe not the like to me, but you may thanke the  
*Clarke*, I wrot one to you befoie as well as I could,  
your father and mother remembers them, you and all  
your friends: your father is going over againe, if he  
heare any further of any settling, your brethren that  
is with Master *James Catwarth*, are all well, *Alexander*  
your brother is newly come over, but is going backe  
in all haste, he came for more Armes, I pray you  
hast you home as soone as possible you can, and let  
me heare from you by every Post, I commit you to  
the Lord, and rest.

Your loving Wyfe,  
*Jane Glencorse.*

*Irewine in Scotland, the 27. of Feb.*

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